

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 688

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO THE STATE-DIRECTED OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND; AMENDING SECTION
2 57-825, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A PROVISION REGARDING USE OF MONEYS IN THE
3 FUND, TO PROVIDE THAT THE IDAHO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COUNCIL SHALL MAKE
4 RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR REGARDING THE USE OF MONEYS, TO REMOVE A
5 PROVISION REGARDING A SUNSET DATE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT RECOMMENDATIONS
6 TO THE GOVERNOR MUST BE MADE BY A CERTAIN DATE; AND DECLARING AN EMER-
7 GENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

10 SECTION 1. That Section 57-825, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
11 amended to read as follows:

12 57-825. STATE-DIRECTED OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND -- USE OF FUND MONEYS --
13 RECOMMENDATIONS. (1) There is hereby established in the state treasury the
14 state-directed opioid settlement fund, to be managed by the state treasurer.
15 Moneys in the fund shall consist of:

- 16 (a) Moneys received by the state of Idaho pursuant to settlements and
17 judgments obtained by the state relating to opioids;
18 (b) Legislative appropriations to the fund;
19 (c) Any bequests or donations to the fund; and
20 (d) Interest earned on idle moneys in the fund.

21 (2) Moneys in the state-directed opioid settlement fund shall be used
22 as determined by legislative appropriation, provided that such moneys must
23 be used only in accordance with the terms of the applicable settlement or
24 judgment and for purposes relating to opioid abuse prevention and recovery
25 programs.

26 (3) The Idaho behavioral health council shall meet as necessary and
27 make recommendations to the governor and the joint finance-appropriations
28 committee as to how moneys from the state-directed opioid settlement fund
29 should be used. ~~The provisions of this subsection shall be effective until~~
30 July 29, 2024. Such recommendations must be submitted to the governor on or
31 before September 1 in the year before the legislative session in which the
32 Idaho behavioral health council recommendations are presented to the joint
33 finance-appropriations committee.

34 SECTION 2. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby
35 declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after
36 July 1, 2022.